



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<b>In Re Application of:</b>	Paul H. Burmeister, Charles L. Euteneuer, Brian J. Brown, Paul J. Fordenbacher, Anthony C. Vrba
<b>Application No.:</b>	09/427291
<b>Filed:</b>	October 26, 1999
<b>For:</b>	IMPROVED TISSUE SUPPORTING DEVICES
<b>Examiner:</b>	Paul Prebilic
<b>Group Art Unit:</b>	3731

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Docket No: S63.2N-4944-US04

**PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136**

Petitioners, Scimed Life Systems, Inc., hereby request a two month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed August 19, 2003. This petition is accompanied by \$420.00 as set forth in 37 CFR §1.17 and is filed prior to or with the response.

Any outstanding fee for extension should be charged to our Deposit Account, No. 22-0350.

Respectfully submitted,  
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